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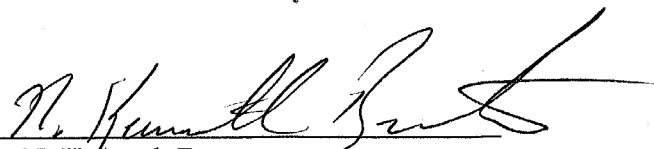
By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 has been cancelled (claims 2-46 are cancelled in the Utility Patent Application Transmittal paper submitted herewith), and claims 47-71 have been newly added. Claims 47-71 are now pending in the application. At least Figure 4B and its accompanying text support the new claims. In addition, the specification has been amended to delete certain claims of priority. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested, and an early notice of allowance is solicited.

In the Utility Patent Application Transmittal paper submitted herewith, Applicants have authorized payment of fees for the filing of the new continuation application. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (order no. P64D1-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

The paragraph on page 1, lines 8-22 has been changed as follows:

This application is [a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/340,144, filed November 15, 1994, entitled "Contact Structure for Interconnections, Interposer, Semiconductor Assembly", inventors Khandros and Mathieu, commonly assigned with the present application. This application also is a continuation in part of a co-pending, commonly assigned patent application filed June 30, 1998 by inventors Khandros, Mathieu, Eldridge, Grube and Dozier, which co-pending application is a divisional/continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/533,584, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,772,451. This application also is a continuation in part of co-pending, commonly assigned application Serial No. 08/955,001, filed October 20, 1997, entitled "Electronic Component With Terminals And Spring Contact Elements Extending From Areas Which Are Remote From The Terminals", inventors Eldridge, Khandros, Mathieu, and Pedersen. This application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/457,479, filed June 1, 1995 which is a divisional application from the application which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,476,211] a continuation of application serial no. 09/114,589, filed July 13, 1998.